

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claims 1-3, 5 and 17 are amended to limit the groups as requested by the Examiner.

In compliance with the request of the Examiner, claims 7-12, 14 and 18-20 are deleted.

Claims 6 and 15-16 are also deleted.

Three new claims are added.

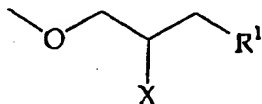
New claim 22 is directed to a method of treating depression which is supported in the specification at page 3, lines 30-32. New claims 23-24 are directed to intermediate compounds for preparing the compounds according to claim 1. Claims 23 and 24 are supported in the specification at page 94, lines 20 and 28-29, respectively.

Turning to the Official Action, the Applicants confirm the election.

Claims 12-14 are objected to as being substantial duplicates of claim 11. In response, claims 11-12 and 14 are cancelled without prejudice. In view of the additional amendments discussed hereinbelow, it is submitted that claim 13 is proper. Accordingly, this ground of objection is deemed to be overcome.

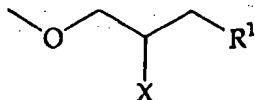
Claims 15-16 are objected to as being substantial duplicates of claim 1. In response, claims 15-16 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 4 is objected to as being a substantial duplicate of claim 2. It is respectfully submitted that claim 4 is distinct from claim 2 in that the binding site of the group represented by the following formula



has been specified. Thus, claim 4 is not a substantial duplicate of claim 2.

Claim 21 was objected to as being a substantial duplicate of claim 3. Claim 21 is distinct from claim 3 in that the binding site of the group represented by the following formula claim



has been specified. Thus, claim 21 is not a substantial duplicate of claim 3.

Claims 7-10 and 18-20 and parts of claims 1-6, 11-17 and 21 are objected to as containing non-elected subject matter. As noted above, these claims have been amended so as to delete the non-elected subject matter.

A duplicate IDS, 1449 form and copies of the cited references dated February 25, 2002 is submitted herewith in accordance with the Examiner's request.

Also submitted herewith is an English translation of the Japanese priority application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to make this document a permanent part of the application file.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that each group of rejection and objection set forth in the Official Action have been overcome, and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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